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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Day
10:00 a.m. Service
May 10, 2026



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Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)
10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
Office Hours Mon to Thurs 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Online Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are new to our parish, please identify yourself to the sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth, and reconciliation.

The Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen preaches & presides.

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

Please have your electronic devices on silent mode during the service.

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Sue Hamblin

Sidespeople – Elaine & Art Youngson

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x^wsepsəm nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations. As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years — the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Introit: Open the Door

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Opening Hymn: CP 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

Sentence of the Day: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

Collect of the Day: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we,

loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: VU 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us (Vs 2)

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May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Refrain Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Mike Armstrong

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man

whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 66:7-18

Sue Hamblin

Bless our God, you peoples; * **make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, * **and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; * **you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; * **you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * **but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * **which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * **I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, * **and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, * **and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, * **the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; * **he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * **nor withheld his love from me.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Kathy Middleton

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope

that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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(Please stand as you are able for the Gradual Hymn.)

Gradual Hymn: MV 174 Soil of God, You and I (Holy Ground)

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Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are...Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is...Holy ground.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – In your mercy.

Please respond with – **Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution:

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, **we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

-From A New Zealand Prayer Book

(Please stand as you are able for the Peace)

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

All are warmly welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please leave your communion glasses in the bowls on the left and right as you return to your seat.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: MV 27 Creator God, You Gave Us Life

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Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within our soul,
yet through the mist of time and space, we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain: Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.
In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity. **[R]**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God. **[R]**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, **accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 (BAS Pg. 196):

The Sanctus: VU 951 Santo, Santo, Santo (Anon., Argentina)

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi Corazón te Adora!
Mi Corazón te sabe decir; Santo eres Dios!
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!**

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father in Heaven, **Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread:

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: The Servant *Sung by Choir*

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(Please stand as you are able for the Prayer after Communion)

Prayer after Communion: Father, **you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology: Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

We being many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For the Church of Pakistan (United).

We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,

Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for
the Reverend Leslie Flynn and all in ministry at St Philip Cedar.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for those we know and love,
especially Cena, Andrew, Steve, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and Neil,
and the residents and staff of Broadmead Lodge.*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We pray for the family and friends of Bernie Chandler. Especially for his wife, Rose, his children, Paul, Karen, Ben, Michelle, and Eoin.

We pray for the family and friends of Heather Thoresen. Especially for her daughter, Kari, her mother, Peg Flint, her sister, Darleen Terlson and her brothers Dave and Russ.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

SHARED MINISTRY

Garage Sale - The Garage Sale on Saturday, May 2nd, was a wonderful event. Volunteers worked steadily for five days preceding the sale. Along the way, everyone who helped out had a great time getting to know other church members and having fun with one another. On Saturday, more than 50 volunteers helped with the early morning set-up, with the BBQ lunch, with selling items to our many customers and with the packing and clean up at the end of the day. We received many comments from customers who enjoyed their shopping experience and were impressed with the quality of the goods and the way that they were displayed. Unsold items are now being moved on to Habitat for Humanity Restore, Anney's Closet, WIN, Salvation Army, Animal Rescue Centre, and metal and electronics recycling. Thanks to everyone who is helping with the delivery of these items.

If you can stop by the church garage after the 10 am service this Sunday, May 10, volunteers will help load some boxes into your vehicle for delivery to any of the Salvation Army Thrift Stores in the greater Victoria area.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in any way in this great event. The net proceeds for the day so far are just over \$6200. Well done, everyone!

Parish Coffee Welcome - If you have recently joined Anglican Church of the Advent and haven't attended a Parish Coffee Welcome, you are warmly invited to meet at noon in the St. John's Room after church on **Sunday, May 17th**. Get to know each other and learn more about the parish. We hope you can join us!

Jazz Vespers – Join us on **Sunday, May 24th at 7 pm** for our next Jazz Vespers service that will feature accomplished pianist Karel Roessingh and double bassist Joey Smith. Karel and Joey have played together ever since Joey moved to Victoria over 35 years ago. They have accompanied many singers and instrumentalists,

recorded together, and played in clubs, festivals, with orchestras and big bands, and in many other circumstances, but have rarely performed as a duo. They'll play well known and original songs related to togetherness, support, love and friendship.

Safe Church Training – The next Safe Church Training takes place on **Tuesday, May 19th at 6 pm in the St. John’s Room**. The training will take approximately 45 minutes and is mandatory for members of Parish Council, key holders, those handling money, those working with children, and those visiting the homebound. Upon completion of the training, you will receive a certificate that is valid for 5 years. Anyone who has completed the training but has passed the 5-year window, must complete the training again. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Terry in person or at safechurch@colwoodanglican.ca.

Sunday School Picnic - Please join us out **on the church lawn after the 10:00 service on May 31st** for our end-of-the-year Sunday School picnic! Bring along your camping chairs and sun hats to join us for games and lunch. Sign-up sheets for attendance and potluck are in the Narthex.

Parish Office Hours – Please note that beginning the week of May 11th, the Parish Office hours will shift by half an hour. **Office hours will now be 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**, still Monday through Thursday.

From the Parish Library – The Top shelf display this week is of books from the Environment section.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 13 Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm	Jun 6 Taize Service, 5 pm
May 17 Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service	Jun 10 Community Coffee Social, 9:30 am-11 am
May 19 Book Club, St. John’s Rm, 10 am Safe Church Training, St. John’s Rm, 6 pm Parish Council Meeting, St. John’s Rm, 6:45 pm	Jun 12 Strawberry Tea Prep Day Jun 13 STRAWBERRY TEA & CRAFT SALE, 10 am – 3 pm
May 23 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm	Jun 16 Book Club, St. John’s Rm, 10 am Parish Council Mtg, St. John’s Rm, 6:45 pm
May 24 Jazz Vespers, 7 pm	Jun 25 Prayer Shawl Mtg, St. John’s Rm, 10 am
May 27 Community Lunch, 12 pm	Jun 27 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm
May 31 8:30 Breakfast, Room C Sunday School Picnic, 12 pm	Jun 28 8:30 Breakfast, Rm C